22. The method of claim 13, wherein the data is organized in tables formed from columns and rows and said step of automatically generating a statistic comprises automatically generating a statistic for a selected column.

- 23. The method of claim 22, further comprising determining if said selected column is of a type for which a statistic can be generated.
- 24. The method of claim 14, wherein the data is organized in tables formed from columns and rows and said step of generating a statistic comprises automatically generating a statistic for a selected column.
- 25. The method of claim 24, further comprising determining if said selected column is of a type for which a statistic can be generated.
- 26. The method of claim 16, wherein said threshold value is a constant.